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SUBJECT: UNESCO DG SUCCESSION DEVELOPMENTS

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1. PERM DEL HAS SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON PARAS 1 AND 3 OF REFTEL A AND REPORTS BACKGROUND ON QUESTIONS WHICH WILL ARISE WHEN DG SUCCESSION ISSUE (ITEM 8.1) IS CONSIDERED BY 93RD EXBD, PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR PRIVATE SESSION ON SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 29.

2. COMMENT ON PARA 1 REFTEL A: PROF. PAULO CARNEIRO, CURRENTLY COUNSELOR TO BRAZILIAN PERM DEL, AND AS DEPT AWARE AFFILIATED WITH UNESCO SINCE 1946, INFORMED DEPT PER REP AUG 27 THAT DG HAD REITERATED TO HIM NOT MORE THAN WEEK OR SO AGO THAT HE WAS FULLY READY TO RETIRE IN 1974 BUT IF ENOUGH MEMBERS WANTED HIM TO, HE WOULD CONTINUE ANOTHER TWO YEARS. CARNEIRO FELT DG SHOULD RETIRE AND BELIEVED HE QUITE RECONCILED AND WILLING TO BOW OUT IN 1974.

3. COMMENT ON PARA 3 REFTEL B: CARNEIRO AND EXBD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DE SILVA INSIST THAT IT NOT RPT NOT NECESSARY TO SUSPEND ARTICLE VI (2) OF CONSTITUTION SHOULD GC WHICH TO APPROVE TWO YEAR TERM FOR MAHEU. EXBD CAN WRITE "CONDITIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF RESIGNATION" CLAUSE IN CONTRACT OFFERED DG, WHOCSE CURRENT

CONTRACT EXPIRES INCIDENTALLY, ON NOV. 14, 1974. ON ASSUMPTION NO OTHER CANDIDACIES GAIN NECESSARY MAJORITY SUPPORT AND HENCE DG REELECTED, DG WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE AFTER HIS RE-ELECTION FOR SIX YEARS THAT HE WOULD RESIGN AFTER TWO YEARS AND THAT THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD USE NEXT TWO YEARS TO SEEK HIS SUCCESSOR.

3. AT PRIVATE SESSION ON SEPT 29, BOARD CHAIRMAN WILL BE ASKING BOARD IF IT WISHES TO CHANGE ANY PART OF STANDARD LETTER TO MEMBER STATES REQUESTING NOMINATIONS FOR DG POST, INCLUDING PARAS DEVOTED TO " QUALIFICATIONS OF A DIRECTOR GENERAL." DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IF US MEMBER SHOULD SUGGEST ANY QUALIFICATIONS.

4. OFFICIAL LETTER FROM SENEGAL'S PRESIDENT SENGHOR NOMINATING M'BOW FOR DG HAS GONE TO BOARD CHAIRMAN, ALTHOUGH IT WAS UNSOLICITED AS CHAIRMAN'S OFFICIAL LETTER REQUESTING SUCH NOMINATIONS HAS NOT YET BEEN SENT TO MEMBER STATES. DE SILVA SUGGESTS BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD DECIDE WHETHER FACT M'BOW'S NOMINATION IS BEFORE HIM, SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM (8.1). ON AUGUST 27 CONVERSATION CARNEIRO ADDED THAT BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES WERE MOST IMPRESSED WITH M'BOW WHO HAD RECENTLY VISITED BRAZIL. IN TALK WITH PER REP AUG 23, M'BOW REPORTED HE AWARE OF LATEST EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN PRES SENGHOR AND DG (SE REF B), THAT HE NEVERTHELESS MAINTAINED HIS CANDIDACY AND THAT HE EARNESTLY HOPED FOR AND EXPECTED OAU ENDORSEMENT THIS COMING FEBRUARY.

5. OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH CHAIRMAN WILL ASK BOARD TO DECIDE AT ITS SEPT 29 SESSION ARE : (1) WILL IT WANT TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR DG SUBMITTED UP TO TIME OF SPRING SESSION OR WAIT UNTIL FALL SESSION WHEN ALL NOMINATIONS WILL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED? (2) WILL BOARD WANT SEPARATE SESSION IN FALL OF 1974 TO DEAL WITH DG SUCCESSION ALONE OR WILL IT WANT SUCCESSION ISSUE TO BE PART OF REGULAR FALL SESSION? IF SO SHOULD ITEM COME UP FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE OR AFTER BUDGET CEILING ISSUE IS DECIDED?

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6. DEPT'S GUIDANCE ON QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARAS 3-5 REQUESTED.

7. IN MEANTIME GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN PARA 2 REFTTEL A BEING FOLLOWED BY US MISSION IN ALL CONVERSATIONS. STONE

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